

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 152

By Bowling

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend John Partin for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as president of the Tennessee District Public Defenders Conference.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is attorney John Partin of McMinnville, who was elected in 2014 to serve as the District Public Defender for the Thirty-First Judicial District, comprised of Warren and Van Buren counties, and has served the citizens of that district with distinction for four years; and

WHEREAS, prior to his election, Mr. Partin was engaged in private practice with the McMinnville firm of Galligan & Newman for fourteen years, and he served as a municipal judge for the Town of Morrison; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Partin was born in Murfreesboro in 1975 and graduated from Warren County High School as valedictorian of the Class of 1993; he received his undergraduate degree from Middle Tennessee State University and his Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the University of Tennessee College of Law in 2000; and

WHEREAS, recognized as a leader by his peers and colleagues, John Partin is currently serving his first tenure as president of the Tennessee District Public Defenders Conference, having previously served as vice president, secretary, treasurer, and middle district representative; he has served as a member of the Executive Committee as well as other notable committees for the conference, including the Strategic Planning Steering Committee; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure as president of the Tennessee District Public Defenders Conference, Mr. Partin has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to this State; and

WHEREAS, John Partin epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Partin serves as a team member of the 31st Judicial District's adult recovery court, which includes a drug court, mental health court, and a driving under the influence court; and

WHEREAS, John Partin is president of the McMinnville Bar Association, an active member of McMinnville Noon Rotary, a past board member of the McMinnville Chamber of Commerce, and a current board member of the Tourism and Development Board for Warren County; he assists the McMinnville Citizens Police Academy and serves as a mentor for Warren County Schools, where he speaks about careers in public service and law and volunteers with the Mock Trial Team; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Partin is a sports enthusiast and enjoys watching and cheering on the Tennessee Volunteers, Tennessee Titans, and his daughter's soccer team that he coaches; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Partin is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Becky, to whom he has been married since 2011, and their daughters, Amelia and Evie; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, John Partin has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of members of the bar and bench and his community alike, bringing out the best in everyone he meets; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend John Partin for his meritorious service to the good people of the State of Tennessee as president of the Tennessee District Public Defenders Conference 2018-2019 and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.